

DISC Newsletter

Winter is here

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Now that old man winter is here, it's time to start bundling up and thinking about the bad weather. In times of bad weather the State of Kansas has an Inclement Weather policy for non-essential employees.

The purpose of this policy is to provide the safety of state employees. With fewer of us on the roads it allows crews to clear off the roadways and easier for law enforcement and emergency vehicles the ability to respond to accidents.

In the event of bad weather, the Governor may issue a Declaration of Inclement Weather for the state, or for geographic areas of the state. Thus, State offices will be closed during that time. You will be advised by the most practical means available, either by email, television media, or radio media.

Employees who received prior approval for authorized leave during the period covered by the Declaration of Inclement Weather, shall record hours as IWN for non-exempt, and IWE for exempt on your timesheet and cost allocation sheet. Employees do not have to submit a leave slip for inclement weather.

Employees who worked during the period of Declared Inclement Weather shall record hours worked as they normally would.

If you have any questions regarding Inclement weather please speak with your supervisor or contact Lisa Smith, BAS.

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Employee Information

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Mike Rodecap	Thomas Heikes	Tammy Roy	Charlotte Thompson
Linda Schramek	Janel Johnson	Mary Grace	Carey Brown
Dan Swearingen	Christine Griffie	Jean Pierce	Gretchen Hefner
Keith Kaberline	Dornella Leal	Rene Arce	

New Employee



Eldon Rightmeier, BOT
started on 12/4/2006

In Sympathy of
John Perkins Mother
Jerry Goodnow, former DISC employee

Congratulations to
Marsha Rogers, BIS
for becoming DISC's
latest graduate of the
Kansas Certified Public
Manager Program on
December 8th



New Arrival
Jason Lilly and his wife
welcomed
Anthony Robert
into their family
on December 5, 2006

KUDOS

**BDAS:**

To: Liang-Huei Fan

Several KIRMS users including users in BOT, BAS and KITO have told me how much they appreciate the new KIRMS reports that you have built for them. Thanks for taking good care of our customers and for a job well done! From: Cathy Jones

BIS:

To: Kent Dugan

Please make sure that everyone involved with finding the loop and issuing us the credit in such a prompt manner has my sincere Thanks for acting in such a proactive way. It is really great to see! From: Dale Bledsoe, KDOR

BOT:

To: Bill Kelly

Thank you Bill for following up with Neil Woerman on his request to add fiber-optic redundancy to the Insurance Building. This shows that DISC is striving to improve customer relations and you have provided a great example of how this can be achieved. Thanks, Ivan Weichert and Charlene Atwood, Customer Service Team

To: Bill Kelly, Jim Logan, Mark Peralta, and Dana Jolley

Thanks for your time and effort in establishing a connection to the new Senate Audio System on the Network. I know that it wasn't an easy task and everyone involved did a great job. Thanks for all your help, Tom Kelly, DISC

DISC:

To: Kurt Dubach, Marsha Rogers, Jim Arnold, Alex Bergquist, Craig Srna, Scott Shackelford, and Jesse Springer

I want to pass along my sincere compliments and appreciation to individuals with the DISC staff! I have worked with your staff on many recent projects. I'm sure there are many folks behind the scenes that support the work of these staffers, but these individuals in particular have been extremely helpful with new agency projects and initiatives. They have been professional, highly motivated, tireless, and diligent in accomplishing the goals of our agency. These shining stars have my heartfelt appreciation for their efforts and a job well done, and thank you and the administration for the support of the small agencies. From: Betty Rose, Board of Technical Professions



A job well done!

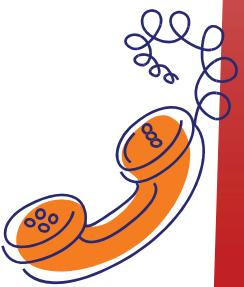
Wedding Shower for Tammy Roy

DISC hosted a wedding Shower for Tammy Roy and Matt Murphy on December 6th. They plan to get married on December 30, 2006. Congratulations!



**Don't forget to visit the Telephone Doctor to
check up on your communication skills!
Please see your supervisor for more details.**

<http://disc.serviceskills.com/>



FUN FACTS and Trivia

DID YA KNOW?

Every Christmas, tree growers produce around 120,000 freshly cut trees for the holiday season.

December 25th was Christmas

December 31st is New Year's Eve

Turquoise is the birthstone for December

The Poinsettia is the Christmas plant

Hank Sipple, BOT has 30 Christmas ties. I bet he probably holds the record as the only person in DISC having that many ties.

In 1997, Kansas produced a record 492.2 million bushels of wheat, more than enough to make 35.9 billion loaves of bread.

Pizza Hut restaurants opened their first store in Wichita, Kansas.

1982 DISC was still called DCS and in 1983 it switched to DISC (Computing) and then DISC (Communications) to include Telecommunications.

Flashback in Time

Did you know DISC use to have a library. The library doors opened in 1982, with Mary Winans. This was a very unique library, it housed books, and magazines that pertained to Information Technology. There were also Computer Based training modules for employees to check out. There was one other library of this kind in State Government, located at the Kansas University Campus. Mary spent a couple of days at the campus to see how they operated and what information they stored. Then she came back and designed our very own library. As the library and duties grew she hired Judy Chapman to help run things. Not only did they check out, check in and purchase books, they moved jobs into production onto the mainframe for the programmers and created the first DISC newsletters. Unfortunately, due to technology, creation of the Internet and cost savings, the library had to close its doors in July 2005.

Today those books are scattered all over DISC in various offices!



Mary Winans



Judy Chapman

- Want your Power Point presentation to fly...
- ★ Open the presentation or slide you want to add animation to.
 - ★ If you want to apply animation to a few slides, click the **Slides** tab and select slides.
 - ★ On the **Slide Show** menu click **Animation Schemes**.
 - ★ In the **Slide Design**, under **Apply to selected slides**, click an animation scheme in the list.
 - ★ If you want the scheme for all slides, click **Apply to All Slides** button.

